

Finding the Author's Purpose and Perspective

Type of Writing	Author's Purpose	Perspective and Tone
Non-fiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> News articles Textbook Biography Documentary Technical Manual Chart, graph, table 	To inform, explain, give directions, illustrate, or present information.	The author's perspective and tone is primarily neutral.
Persuasive Pieces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Editorial Advertisement Political speech Bumper sticker Billboard Commercial Debate 	To persuade by expressing an opinion, to convince readers to think/feel/act a certain way.	The perspective clearly reflects the author's attitude about a subject. Sometimes the opinion is directly stated and other times it is implied. The author may try to convince readers by using tone to appeal to their feelings and/or values.
Fiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short story Poetry Novel Drama 	To illustrate a theme, event, or story that conveys a mood. Usually written to entertain.	The author may use characters or narrators to express attitudes in the story. The tone could range from light and humorous to serious and sad.
Personal Writings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diary Journal Letter Autobiography Personal Narrative Reflective Essay 	To express or share feelings or personal experiences.	The author's perspective is revealed through word choice. The tone reflects the author's feelings and could range from comical to bitter to remorseful to morose.

